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SCIENCE, JUNE 24-25, 1975: EXCOMM DISCUSSION FEB 27,
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1. US, CANADA, UK, GERMANY, JAPAN, FRANCE AND OTHERS
SPOKE FIRMLY IN FAVOR OF HOLDING SCIENCE MINISTERIAL AS
SCHEDULED. SPAIN, GREECE AND ITALY, ALTHOUGH INDICATING
WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY IN HOLDING
MINISTERIAL, EXPRESSED MISGIVING REGARDING STATE OF
PREPARATIONS AND CONCERN THAT AGENDA ITEMS PUT FORTH
THUS FAR DO NOT WARRANT MINISTERIAL MEETING. DENMARK
AND SWEDEN SUPPORTED HOLDING OF MEETING, BUT CALLED
FOR FURTHER FOCUSING OF AGENDA ON KEY ISSUES.

2. UK, IN APPROVING, WARNED THAT AS DATES FOR OECD
COUNCIL MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL NOT YET FIXED,
JUNE 24-25 DATES FOR SCIENCE MINISTERIAL MIGHT REQUIRE
SHIFT OF FEW DAYS ONE WAY OR OTHER.

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3. SECRETARIAT REPORTED ON PROGRESS OF PREPARATIONS AND ASSURED DELEGATIONS THAT ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE PREPARED TO ALLOW MINISTERS TO HAVE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION OF LIMITED NUMBER OF HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES DIRECTLY RELATED TO PRESENT PREOCCUPATION OF OECD GOVERNMENTS.

4. CHAIRMAN NOTED CONSENSUS OF APPROVAL, AND STATED COUNCIL WOULD BE SO INFORMED ON MARCH 4 TAKING PARTICULAR NOTE OF UK COMMENT ON DATE PER PARA 2 ABOVE. TURNER

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